

## ~PAMPHYLIA (104) (Pam-phyl'i-a)

- **A small Roman province on the South coast of Asia Minor** visited by Paul on his first missionary tour. Though the size of the province may have varied over the years, **Pamphylia** is commonly viewed as having been a strip along the coastline some 120 kilometers (75 miles) long and up to 50 kilometers (30 miles) wide.
- It was bounded by the province of Lycia on the West, the Roman province of Galatia on the North, and the Kingdom of Antiochus on the East. On the coast the climate of **Pamphylia** was hot and tropical, while it moderated as one moved to the higher elevation of the Taurus Mountains.
- The inhabitants are thought to have been a mixture of a native tribe with Greeks, some even suggesting **Pamphylia** to mean **of mingled tribes or races**. [Liddell and Scotts Greek-English Lexicon, revised by H. Jones, Oxford, 1968, p. 1295]
- Evidently Jews or proselytes were in the area, for on Pentecost **33 C.E.** persons from **Pamphylia** were in Jerusalem and were amazed to hear the disciples speaking in their own language.
- So, when this sound occurred, the multitude came together and were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. (**Acts of Apostles 2:6**)
- And Phrygia and **Pamphylia**, Egypt and the parts of Libya, which is toward Cyrene, and sojourners from Rome, both Jews and proselytes. (**Acts of Apostles 2:10**)
- A number of principal cities were on or near the coast, such as the seaport town of Attalia, Perga on the Cestrus, or Aksu River, and Side, where coastal pirates sold their booty and a slave market existed. From Paphos on Cyprus, Paul, Barnabas, and John Mark sailed Northwest across the sea and arrived at Perga in **Pamphylia**.
- It is not definitely known whether they landed at Attalia and traveled on land the few miles to Perga or whether they sailed right to Perga, it is reported that in ancient times the Cestrus was navigable at least as far as Perga.

- **At this point John Mark separated from the others and returned to Jerusalem, but Paul and Barnabas went North through the mountains to Antioch in Pisidia, in the province of Galatia.**
- **The men, together with Paul, now put out to sea from Paphos and arrived at Perga in **Pamphylia**. But John withdrew from them and returned to Jerusalem. (**Acts of Apostles 13:13**)**
- **They, however, went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia and, going into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, they took a seat. (**Acts of Apostles 13:14**)**
- **But Paul did not think it proper to be taking this one along with them, seeing that he had departed from them from **Pamphylia** and had not gone with them to the work. (**Acts of Apostles 15:38**)**
- **And we navigated through the open sea along Cilicia and **Pamphylia** and put into port at Myra in Lycia. (**Acts of Apostles 27:5**)**
- **That route was notorious for bandits.**
- **In journeys often, in dangers from rivers, in dangers from highwaymen, in dangers from my own race, in dangers from the nations, in dangers in the city, in dangers in the wilderness, in dangers at sea, in dangers among false brothers. (**2 Corinthians 11:26**)**
- **On the return trip the two Christians traveled through **Pamphylia** to Perga and preached there. Next they went to the port of Attalia and sailed from there to Antioch in Syria.**
- **And they went through Pisidia and came into **Pamphylia**. (**Acts of Apostles 14:24**)**
- **And, after speaking the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. (**Acts of Apostles 14:25**)**
- **And from there they sailed off for Antioch, where they had been entrusted to the undeserved kindness of God for the work they had fully performed. (**Acts of Apostles 14:26**)**

- **Pamphylia** over the years was ruled by Lydia, Persia, Macedonia, and Rome. Under the Romans it was at various times united as a province with Cilicia, to the East, then with Galatia, and finally with Lycia.
- The men, together with Paul, now put out to sea from Paphos and arrived at Perga in **Pamphylia**. But John withdrew from them and returned to Jerusalem. (**Acts of Apostles 13:13**)
- Moreover, they went through Phrygia and the country of Galatia, because they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in the district of Asia. (**Acts of Apostles 16:6**)
- And we navigated through the open sea along Cilicia and **Pamphylia** and put into port at Myra in Lycia. (**Acts of Apostles 27:5**)